MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Sir, at the end of 1115 we had a surplus stock of 38 and odd lakhs of maunds of salt.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : May I please know whether salt was imported from Tinnevelly in 1115?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : No, except to a small extent for Devicolam.

Selection of students to the Engineering College, Madras.

110 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of students selected from this State for study in the Engineering College, Madras, dating from the year 1109 to 1116; and

(*b*) the expenses incurred yearly by Government in this connection ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO :

(*a*) 42.

(*b*) 1933 to 34—Rs. 4,920.
1934 to 35—Rs. 8,640.
1935 to 36—Rs. 12,960.
1936 to 37—Rs. 17,880.
1937 to 38—Rs. 18,480.
1938 to 39—Rs. 14,160.
1939 to 40—Rs. 9,840.
1940 to 41—Rs. 4,920.

Rs. 91,200.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether reservation is necessary now in view of the fact that we had our own Engineering College ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Reservation is not being made now.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : May I please know if during all these years any Ezhava was selected ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : I claim notice, Sir.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : May I please know the nature of the expenses incurred in 1937 to 1938 *i. e.* an amount of Rs. 18,480 ? Is it a donation to the College ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : It was a donation in the shape of fees to the students sent over there from Travancore.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : May I know if there were no applicants who are willing to go to that College and prepared to meet their own expenses from their own pockets ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Today it is left to the Madras Engineering College authorities to say 'No" or "Yes" to that.

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